1	2	3
19.	NAGAON	1914
20.	NALBARI	239
21.	SIBSAGAR	920
22.	SONITPUR	1164
23.	TINSUKIA	235
	TOTAL :	15543

Note : The DRDAs Cachar, Demaji, Goalpara, Hailakhandi, Lakhimpur and Karbi Anglong have already formed the Self-Help Groups (SHGs). The sanction of loans to the SHGs in these DRDAs is in process.

Training Centres for Technicians in Handloom Sector

4104. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

SHRI N.R. DASARI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is not even a single training Institute in the country capable of imparting effective training to technicians like weaving master dyeing master etc. in handloom sector; and

(b) if so, whether Government would consider a proposal to set up one such training Centre each in Kerala and Andhra Pradesh sanctioning required financial assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) No Sir. There are at present 4 Institutes of Handloom Technology functioning at Salem, Varanasi, Guwahati and Jodhpur and 24 Weavers Service Centres throughout the country under Government of India and one Institute of Handloom technology at Gadag in Karnataka and one at Venkatagiri in Andhra Pradesh under the respective State Governments. All these Institutes and Weavers Service Centres are equipped for imparting effective training to technicians like weaving master, dyeing master etc. in the handloom sector.

(b) At present one Weavers Service Centre at Cannanore in Kerala and 2 Weavers Service Centres—one each at Vijayawada and at Hyderabad—in

Andhra Pradesh under the Government of India and one Institute of Handloom Technology at Venkatagiri in Andhra Pradesh under the State Government are functioning.

Recommendations of Sathyam Committee

4105. SHRI N.R. DASARI :

SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the handloom workers all over the country have opposed the implementation of the recommendations of Sathyam Committee as they are thoroughly injurious to the interest of the handloom workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) Yes Sir; representations have been received in this regard.

(b) and (c) The recommendations of the Expert Committee on Textile Policy under the chairmanship of Shri S.R. Sathyam are under consideration of the Government and the representations received from various handloom wavers Cooperative Societies etc. would be given due consideration before accepting the recommendations pertaining to handloom sector.

Development of Handloom Industry in Gujarat

4106. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are developing handloom industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds released during 1998-99 and 1999-2000; and

(d) the steps taken to develop handloom industry in Gujarat ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.